

interest of our town. Her fine cottages with their nicely kept lawns prove her good judgment and good taste. She has shown a deep interest in the moral and intellectual improvement of the community, by assisting to organize and maintain our town library. She has been our popular librarian from the beginning of the enterprise, and has devoted her time gratuitously to the good work. Mr. J. T. Williams, the groom, has not long been a resident of our community, but has the bearing of a courteous, Christian gentleman. By occupation he is a contractor and builder, and the several nice residences erected by him in our town, attest the character of his workmanship. Our people unite in a common wish that long life and continued usefulness may be the happy lot of this esteemed and worthy couple, and that their last days may be their best days."

From the report of the Secretary of the National Mission Board, Brother Cassel, we learn that brother I. D. Bowman, of Philadelphia, Pa., is expected to begin a series of revival meetings in the Chicago Mission about the middle of March or April 1. Brother Bowman has had seven or eight years' experience in city work, and tho life in the "windy city" may differ somewhat from that in the city of "brotherly love," yet it is safe to presume that the same methods that win success in the one will succeed in the other. At any rate Brother Bowman's experience in city work peculiarly fits him for the work which has been assigned him in Chicago. Brother Talley has been laboring faithfully in this city, and under his care the mission is being well established, the doctrine of the church has been taught and by this time the people there know something about us. The church therefore has reasons to expect great things, and we trust that everywhere thru out the brotherhood prayers will be offered for the success of this anticipated effort. Very properly Brother Cassel kindly requests increased contributions to the missionary fund for the months of February and March. It is to be hoped that the church will take this matter close to heart and not only *pray* but *pay* for this work. May there be a very ready, willing, and liberal response to the call of the Secretary of the Board, that the Lord's treasury be replenished, his cause advanced and the resultant blessing come upon the church. It is the Lord's work, he has ordered it, and it remains for his people to support it. It is not right that the Mission Board should be placed in the uncomfortable position of being without funds with which to meet the church's financial obligations to those who have been placed in care of the missions in Chicago and Washington.

## Literary Notes

The Congressman's Wife continues her excellent stories in this week's issue of The Saturday Evening Post. Among others she tells are the following:

"Well, you should have seen the President at play a few weeks ago. It was a very pretty sight. Little Leonora P—, a child of five or six, came one day to the White House to see Mrs. McKinley. Mrs. McKinley is very fond of children and she asked Leonora to visit her. Well, Leonora arrived all starched and frilled and with her best and primest little manners to the fore. Her old black mammy nurse was with her, and it was evident he Leonora had been instructed to be very polite, and not to sit down in the presence of the mistress of the White House unless pressed to do so, and, above all, to answer all questions promptly. Both the President and Mrs. McKinley received the child,

They did all they could to make her feel at home, but Leonora was evidently a good deal awed. At last Mrs. McKinley, observing the years of the old black mammy, pressed her to sit down, and the child too, but Leonora said admonishingly to her nurse in an undertone, and holding herself bolt upright:

"No, mammy; servants must not sit."

"Why, Leonora," said Mrs. McKinley, much amused, 'mammy's an old woman. And you sit down yourself.'

"Oh, yes'm," returned the child gravely, 'but, then, I'm people.'

"This reply nearly bowled the President over, and he and Mrs. McKinley smiled broadly. Then Mrs. McKinley took out her watch, which contains a portrait of the President. She held it out and said coaxingly:

"Leonora, you cannot tell me of whom this is a picture?"

"Leonora drew near and scanned the open watch. A bright look swept over her face.

"Oh, yes'm, I know who it is!"

"Well, who is it, Leonora?"

"It's Dewey."

"This was altogether too much for the President. He went off into a fit of laughter, long and loud."

As a writer, as a poet, there were few in the literary world of London (in the forties) who had not heard of Sarah Flower Adams, the gifted woman to whom all Christendom to-day pays homage in its love for her immortal hymn, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' writes Clifford Howard in the February *Ladies' Home Journal*. "It was written in 1840, and had subsequently been set to music by Eliza Flower, and included in a collection of hymns written and composed by the two sisters. Only within that year had their book of 'Hymns and Anthems' been published, and the hymn that was destined to inspire the world had then been heard but once or twice, and within the walls of a single church—South Palace Chapel, London.

It was not, however, until after the year 1860, when the present well-known tune was composed for it by Dr. Lowell Mason, of New York, that the hymn attained its widespread popularity. Up to that time it had attracted but little notice. Thru the spirit of Doctor Mason's sympathetic music it was quickened into glorious life and brought within the reach of every congregation and every Christian soul. But this was long after the author of the hymn had passed away. She died in 1848, without knowing of the triumph and the glory that awaited her work. Her grave in the little village of her birth is unmarked by any monument to her fame.

### Magnificent Spectacle

People traveling to the Pan-American Exposition from the direction of Niagara Falls will get their first view of the Electric Tower from a distance of 12 or more miles. From the river side of the steam or electric cars, the Electric Tower is seen looming up in the southern sky high above all other objects on the horizon. As the tower nears completion, the eyes of passengers on the trains and trolleys feast upon its magnificent height of 391 feet and obtain an impressive intimation of the mammoth proportions and beauty on which the Exposition is being built. The magnitude of the Electric Tower and its graceful lines cannot fail to impress all with the conviction that when it is illumined by the thousands of lights given life by the transmitted energy of the wonderful dynamos of Niagara, it will be a truly gorgeous spectacle, surpassing in its royal beauty anything of the kind ever erected by man. It will delight every eye that sees it. It will stir the hearts and minds of all with admiration for the men that conceived it

and carried the plans to such glorious perfection. In every department the Pan-American will portray the progress of the Americas up to the present time, and when people view the electrical splendor of the Exposition they will feel satisfied no matter what the century has in store in the way of additional progress, to have in an age when such results were possible of accomplishment. In these results the old and young will find education and entertainment, and their admiration of it all, which they will express on their homeward going, will be simply reflective of the wondrous electric effects.

### Why Attend Sunday School

Mr. B. F. Jacobs, of Chicago, is well qualified by his forty-four years' experience as a superintendent to enumerate the grounds on which Sunday school attendance may be urged. In the *Trumpet Call* he counts them up:

1. Our greatest need and greatest gain is personal acquaintance with God.
2. The Bible is the only satisfactory revelation we have of God, his character, and his purpose toward us.
3. It is therefore of supreme importance, even from what might be called a selfish view, that we study the Bible to become acquainted with God and learn our own high destiny.
4. The Sunday school is the only provision of the Church for the regular systematic study of the Bible.
5. Of those who do not attend Sunday school, not one in ten ever studies the Bible at all.
6. It is safe to say that a Church member who does not study the Bible is a Christian only in name.
7. As a guide to true success in life, the making of character, the formation of correct habits, acquaintance with right principles of living, and our duty to our fellow-men, the Bible stands far above any book ever written.
8. For young men, especially, who wish to succeed in business, no book in the world gives such helpful instructions as the book of Proverbs, while the life and teachings of Jesus Christ present the highest ideal of a noble life.
9. Association with others is a great incentive and a great aid in any branch of study. "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

### Not Easily Provoked

We do not hear much said about an ill temper when men talk of religion. Our preachers do not say much about it. Love is the fulfillment of the law, and "love is not easily provoked." Yet we think an ill temper a very little infirmity—not a thing to be taken into serious account.

Perhaps no form of vice does more to unchristianize society than evil temper. It embitters the life of many a home, it breaks up family ties and destroys the most sacred relationships, it withers up Christian men and women, takes the bloom out of childhood and has a misery-producing power that too generally is not thought of. One of its troublesome peculiarities is that it often is the one blot of an otherwise noble character. The prodigal's elder brother was moral, dutiful, attentive to his duties, but stood without the door on his erring brother's return, "angry, and would not go in."

Such a temper brings more or less misery to all within reach of the one who is under its power. It is hard to think of heaven as a place for its display. It is an intermittent fever which bespeaks disease within. The spirit of love is the spirit of sweetness and in direct opposition to ill temper, which is a root of the unsanctified nature within.

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